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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) OGEN

SUBJECT: SLACK APPEARANCE: THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

REFERENCE: SECTO 04109

1. THE FOLLOWING BRIEFING MEMO ON THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BRIEFING MATERIALS PREPARED FOR YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE SLACK'S SUBCOMMITTEE FEBRUARY 26.

2. THE HEARINGS ON OUR APPROPRIATIONS BILL WILL BEGIN WITH YOUR APPEARANCE THURSDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 26 AND WILL BE FOLLOWED IN THE AFTERNOON BY MY OVERALL BUDGET PRESENTATION. THAT PRESENTATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TESTIMONY BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES. THE HEARINGS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT 5 DAYS.

3. THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS REQUESTED \$1,049,134,000 FOR 1977. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF \$207,434,000 OVER

ANNOUNCED APPROPRIATIONS TO DATE FOR 1976. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, ADJUSTED THE 1976 APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT: THE FEDERAL SALARIES INCREASE WHICH TOOK EFFECT IN OCTOBER 1976; A PROPOSED \$5 MILLION RESCISSION IN OUR CURRENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM; AND INTERAGENCY FINANCING TRANSFERS TO

IMPLEMENT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM (FAAS). CONSEQUENTLY THE NET INCREASE OVER THE 1976 ADJUSTED APPROPRIATIONS IS \$144,924,000. FIGURES FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL EXCLUDE REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ACTIVITIES, BUT INCLUDE FOREIGN BUILDINGS PROGRAM. THE REVERSE IS TRUE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION BILL.

MAJOR INCREASE

THE MAJOR ELEMENTS IN THE INCREASE IN OUR APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR 1976 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$51 MILLION FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES, ALL OF WHICH ARE A RESULT OF MANDATORY WAGE AND PRICE INCREASE AND FEDERAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

\$35.1 MILLION FOR THE FOREIGN BUILDING PROGRAM. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES \$30 MILLION FOR THE MOSCOW EMBASSY COMPOUND.

\$10 MILLION - THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES VITAL TO OUR EFFORTS IN MAINTAINING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

WE HAVE REQUESTED \$539,800,000 FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN FY 1977. THIS REPRESENTS A NET INCREASE OF \$51,003,000 OVER THE 1976 ADJUSTED APPROPRIATIONS. THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES APPROPRIATIONS IS THE LARGEST OF ALL OUR ACCOUNTS. 62 OF THIS APPROPRIATION IS USED FOR SALARIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND RELATED BENEFITS COSTS FOR BOTH AMERICANS AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES; THE REMAINING 38 COVERS OPERATING EXPENSES INCIDENT TO OUR DOING BUSINESS AT HOME AND ABROAD. IT IS IN FACT OUR BASIC ACCOUNT AND PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE FOREIGN POLICY ACTIVITIES OF THE USG.

POSITIONS

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE HAVE NOT REQUESTED ANY ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FROM THE CONGRESS IN THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1977. WHILE WE HAVE AN INCREASING WORKLOAD WE HAVE DECIDED THAT WE CAN MEET CURRENT DEMANDS WITHIN EXISTING PERSONNEL LEVELS. CONSEQUENTLY ADDITIONAL POSITION REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MET BY REALLOCATING EXISTING RESOURCES. INGERSOLL

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